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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive

SUBJECT: JNIS publications

1. We understand that the JNIS publications totalled 3,000 copies each. Warehouses are now filled with unused copies. When the JNIS replaced JANIS, 1200 copies were published [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] This number is now down to 800 and it is hoped that 750 copies will be adequate in July in place of the present 800, and it may be possible to bring it down to 500. The Navy, for example, recently cut its "requirements" from 300 to 150. The present largest "requirements" are:

[REDACTED] 25X1

Army	-	100	*
Navy	-	150	*
Air	-	116	*
State	-	13	*

From this number they can maintain two or three complete sets and many dozens of separate sections so that this publication can probably be used in each agency by many hundreds of people. We think that numbers near that many people need copies for current use.

2. We recognize the importance of this publication, but our discussions over a period of months have been about the real need

for such a large number of the NIS being distributed and the expenses in producing them at this time.

3. One master copy will be kept by CIA for use in rapid reproduction to meet future emergency needs when a large number of copies will undoubtedly be useful.

4. CIA will also keep some published extra copies for current and future unforeseen needs (not of an emergency nature). Instead of the printed 40 bound copies and 40 unbound copies in this extra stock, we think that a very few number of bound copies and a very few dozen extra copies unbound (to the nearest 50 in the printed run) will be enough until the emergency comes. The printers have assured us that the present system is best, rather than changing to a duplicat system in storing the stencils for future use.

6. Accordingly OMBP recommends that:

a. The NIS basic intelligence groups in the CIA and the NIS Interdepartmental Committee will devote themselves to the substantive production of the National Intelligence Surveys and will give up factors pertaining to the distribution of their end product.

b. OCS will survey the components of CIA again and then the outside agencies (members of the Intelligence Advisory

Committee and eventually maybe other Government departments) to determine how few (not how many) copies of the SIS are now really needed in printed form for current use, (both bound and unbound) taking into consideration that an unbound set can be divided for use by many different components who work for complementary or different parts of the world and does not overlap. It should be noted that such basic intelligence publications are undoubtedly not consulted daily by the users; so a small section can easily borrow this publication from a nearby larger section in the same agency.

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cc: Management

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